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FOR SISCO AND ATHERTON FROM PICKERING

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TAGS: MASS, PFOR, JO, US

SUBJECT: HAWK MISSILES

1. IRFAI JUST CALLED ME WITH SOME CHANGE OF SIGNALS.
HE TALKED WITH KING AFTER OUR CONVERSATION THIS MORNING.

2. HE AND KING HAVE AGREED TO TONE DOWN STATEMENT. THEY WILL NOT REJECT PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO CONGRESS, BUT RATHER STATE THAT THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO SIGN A CONTRACT OR LETTER OF OFFER WHICH CONTAINS SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THAT TYPE. THEY ALSO SAY ONLY THAT "THEY CONSIDER WEAPONS WHICH ARE DELIVERED TO JORDAN AS JORDANIAN WEAPONS". FINALLY THEY ADD LANGUAGE TO EFFECT THAT DELIVERIES TO BE SATISFACTORY SHOULD BE TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH TROOP TRAINING AND READINESS. THE FINAL STATEMENT SAYS IF US NOT READY TO SIGN ON THIS BASIS THEY RELUECTANTLY WILL HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE ON EXACTLY SAME BASIS.

3. WHILE THIS IS CLEARLY NOT ALL WE WOULD DESIRE OR HOPE FOR IT IS CLEARLY BETTER THAN AN OUTRIGHT REJECTION. WE EXPECT TO HAVE TEXT IN ARABIC FROM RIFAI SHORTLY AND WILL SEND TRANSLATION. WE BELIEVE THAT TEXT MAY PROVIDE ENOUGH DAYLIGHT TO ARGUE IT IS NOT A REJECTION BEFORE THE CONGRESS, BUT MERELY VENTING LOCAL STEAM VALVES, OVERHEATED THROUGH EXCESS STRAIN.

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